

He Criticised His Commander

By JAMES BRAINARD

The Grand Duke Nicholas, who commanded the armies of Russia in the world's war for the first two years and was then deposed by the czar, will doubtless be rated by historians as a great military leader. Sent to the Caucasus, he was equally successful in that field.

When the grand duke was going southward to his new command he was traveling alone and incognito one day in a railway carriage in which there was a young man in the uniform of a lieutenant of engineers. The grand duke, who is a very tall, spare man of serious mien, leaned back in a corner of the carriage. The lieutenant, on the contrary, was alive to everything about him and disposed to be garrulous. He told every one in the compartment that he had just been graduated from the Russian military school for officers and had been ordered to engineer duty in the army in the Caucasus. At this the grand duke looked at the young man and said:

"You must have been a good scholar to be appointed to the corps of engineers."

"I stood first in my class."

"You will serve on the general staff?"

"I suppose so. What do you know about the army, sir? You cannot be a soldier or you would be in uniform."

"Almost any civilian could tell you that the engineers require a scientific education. It is an engineer's part to think; the other corps of the army have only to die."

"How about the generals?" asked the lieutenant.

"The generals are to act."

"Just so. If the grand duke had acted in the recent push of the Germans on Warsaw he would not have been deposed from the command of the army."

"You do not consider a successful retreat evidence of generalship, I suppose?"

"The grand duke was at fault in not having prepared the ground behind him. The books I have been studying lay great stress on a general having ample defense ready in case he is forced back."

"In other words, he should have eyes in the back of his head as well as in front?"

The lieutenant looked at the grand duke inquiringly.

"For my part," the grand duke continued, "I don't believe the books heretofore written on the conduct of war are of any value."

"What, then," asked the lieutenant, "is the use of military schools?"

"They are no use in teaching the art of war. They are useful in preparing men to use such methods as their natural fitness for war may suggest."

"Then I am to understand that I, who have been educated in the science of war, am no more fitted to be a general than you?"

"You assume to be better fitted for leadership than the grand duke."

"How so?"

"You have criticized his leadership in the recent campaign."

"Well," rejoined the lieutenant thoughtfully, "may not I, who have so recently studied the art of war, be more familiar with it than the grand duke, who, I presume, studied it some thirty years ago?"

"There is no such thing as the art of war. There is that which we assume at different periods to be the art of war, but these assumptions are constantly changing. The great Napoleon demolished the art as it existed at the beginning of his career and made a new one. At present there is one art of war on the Russian frontier and another in the west. Our enemies have developed a new art of war in the present struggle, based largely on scientific discovery. This scientific discovery, or, rather, development, of natural resources has changed war on land as the battle fifty years ago between two American ironclad vessels changed it on the water."

The lieutenant's eyes and mouth by this time were wide open with astonishment at listening to this man without a brass button on his clothing discourse upon the art of war.

"I thought, sir," he stammered, "that I had learned something about war at the military school. I admit I am ambitious to lead a great army, but in any event I shall not do that for perhaps twenty or thirty years. By that time what I have learned will likely be obsolete."

"You have learned what there is to be learned up to the present war. Take care to notice as the years slip by those developments that tend to modify the past."

The grand duke wrapped his cloak about him, leaned back again in his corner and was soon asleep.

When the lieutenant arrived at his post of duty he was sent by the chief of engineers one day to the general headquarters with a message for the general commanding. What was his astonishment, his horror, to see in the tall, spare man with grizzled whiskers who received him the Grand Duke Nicholas. He remembered that he had unwittingly criticized his commander and the uncle of the emperor, and his knees knocked together. But the general gave no sign of remembering him and received his message without referring to having conversed with him once.

The next day the lieutenant received an official document from general headquarters. He opened it with trembling hands. It was a notification of promotion.

Not Much to Say.

"You have sworn to tell nothing but the truth."

"Nothing but the truth, your honor?"

"Precisely."

"Then, judge, with that limitation upon me I might as well warn you that I'm not going to have much to say."

Detroit Free Press.

BARBED WIRES ON IRON FENCE

Guard Inventor T. A. Edison, Working to Foil Submarine

SHIELDED BETTER THAN PRESIDENT

A Secret Service Agent Follows Him Everywhere

Orange, N. J., Aug. 9.—Thomas A. Edison was in Germany.

That is the battle that is being silently fought here. A little red brick building covered with ivy is the famous inventor's laboratory.

"I have no right to talk about it—ask the secretary of the navy," was the message that came from the closely guarded sanctum yesterday, in response to an inquiry on Edison's work.

Edison is guarded like a president. An iron fence, crowned with menacing barbed wire, separates his laboratory from the rest of the plant. When Edison appears a secret service agent dogs him.

The "Old Man," as he is known to his associates, has started out to beat the Kaiser just as methodically as he started out to perfect electric lights and phonographs. Yesterday when he climbed from his dusty "diver" and punched his time card—No. 1—it registered 8:30 a. m.

Tuesday he plugged in at 8:45 and out at 12:30 p. m.—nearly 16 hours later.

War seemed distant from the little red brick building yesterday. It is surrounded by 50 modern industrial structures, crowded with 5,000 men and women, making such peaceful devices as motion picture machines and storage batteries. But quiet men with sharp eyes stood in every doorway. Signs glared from every side, warning employees against "leaking."

Inside the barbed rail with Edison were a few confidential assistants—roughly dressed, unshaven men, with deeply lined faces. Outsiders had fleeting glimpses of them as they darted past windows, all in a tearing hurry.

The Kaiser would probably give an army division for what these men know.

Edison was in the greatest rush of all. The detective at his heels had to half trot at times to keep pace with the man he was set to watch. Edison's eyes were fixed on the ground, his shoulders stooped—he ignored the guard who sleuthed him so doggedly.

GOULD SAYS HE MUST BE CAREFUL OF EVERY DOLLAR

Asks Exemption So As to Take Care of His "Dependent" Wife.

New York, Aug. 9.—"I'm not a bloated bondholder. I have to be very careful about the outlay of every dollar," said Kingdon Gould yesterday in defense of his filing formal application for draft exemption on the ground his wife is dependent.

That he probably will not claim exemption on the show-down was intimated. "I filed in that application because that was the only way to leave a loophole in case I couldn't arrange my affairs so as to take care of my wife," said the grandson of Jay Gould.

Asked if he thought a rich man owed more to his country than a poor man, Gould said: "From his purse, yes; of his blood, no."

Editorially the New York World yesterday enumerated the list of corporations Kingdon Gould is connected with, and contrasted his plea for exemption with that of an east side immigrant.

"What different word shall fit the case," concluded the editor, "when he who, on the face of the record, is the slacker, happens to be a son of George Gould and a grandson of Jay Gould?"

Gould says he is not wealthy—"poorer than anybody has any idea"—and that this had led him on Monday to "indicate his purpose" of claiming exemption.

He said Tuesday night that he probably would not stand on his claim of exemption. He said he was anxious to serve in the national army and that his wife, a bride of July, was willing for him to go. He merely had indicated his purpose of claiming exemption, he explained, because of the suddenness of his physical examination, which he passed, and of the necessity of his declaring any exemption claims at once. He had no chance to consult his wife, he said.

Mr. Gould did not explain why his financial affairs were at such a low ebb or whether his marriage early in July to Miss Annunziata Camilla Maria Lucel, an Italian girl studying art here, had led to any curtailment of his income. But he did say with emphasis that his going into military service would make difficult the task of providing for his wife.

CARRIER PIGEONS WANTED.

They Can Carry War Messages for the Aviators.

Boston, Aug. 9.—An appeal to owners of carrier pigeons to send their names to the headquarters of the aviation section of the signal officers' reserve corps was made yesterday by Lieutenant Charles J. Gidden, in charge of recruiting.

It was explained that carrier pigeons were being used by aviators in the war for sending back messages containing information obtained behind the enemy's lines and that this method might be adopted to some extent by American aviators.

The state public service commissioner has sent to all shippers in Massachusetts a circular urging that all freight cars be loaded to their maximum capacity. The circular says that co-operation in this matter will greatly facilitate distribution.

STRICKEN IN THE SPY NEST IN ARGENTINA

Completely Restored To Health By "Fruit-a-lives"

Methods by Which Movements of U. S. Ships Were Reported

BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN REVEALED

German Letter Miscarries, Falls into Hands of Officials

Buenos Ayres, Aug. 9.—An extensive German spy plot, as a result of which ship sailings and other information have been revealed, was discovered by the foreign office here yesterday. Methods by which movement of ships from United States ports were transmitted are believed to have been revealed.

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UNCLE SAM: "I ALWAYS LICK HIM."



—Carter in Philadelphia Press.

SALT IN ILLINOIS.

Its History Curiously Intertwined with Mastodons, Indians and Slaves.

The Shawneetown and Equality topographic maps, recently issued by the United States geological survey, interior department, in co-operation with the state of Illinois, cover an area in Illinois in whose history the commonplace commodity salt has played an important part.

The brine springs of Gallatin county were worked at an early date under the management of army officers at a time when the government of the United States reserved from sale all lands containing salt springs. The only brine spring that could be profitably worked here was about a mile south of the town of Equality, near what is known as "Half-Moon," a semi-circular excavation made by buffalo and other wild animals that congregated in vast numbers to lick the salty earth. This locality must also have been a favorite resort for the mammoth and the mastodon, huge monsters that roamed in immense numbers over the country when the present site of the salt works was an alluring swamp.

From time to time a great many bones belonging to these extinct animals have been found, resting on the drift in the "Half-Moon."

While the saline salt works were under the control of the federal government an immense district of country depended on them for its supply of salt. Between 1,000 and 2,000 persons were employed, and the yield of the works was estimated at 80 to 100 bushels of salt a day. The demand so far exceeded the capacity of the works that applicants for salt coming from Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana and other parts of the country were regularly ticketed and could be supplied only by awaiting proper turn. On getting their supply they did not wait for the salt crystals to drain but started away with them as soon as they were cool enough to handle, the water trickling from the sacks of salt, which were carried by pack horses. It never occurred to these early salt makers that the five-foot bed of coal through which their wells were generally dug would furnish a never-failing supply of good fuel for evaporating the water from the brine, and as the country became stripped of timber for the expedient of conveying the brine for miles in wooden pipes to the rapidly receding forest.

The fact that slave labor was employed in the salt mines at the outbreak of the Civil war had a considerable influence on the sentiment of the people there as to slavery; it caused this part of Illinois to take the southern view.

Around the brine springs near the old "nigger works" have been found many fragments of Indian pottery, some ornamented with vertical bands arranged with considerable taste. The curvature of some of these fragments shows that the vessels to which they belonged were not less than four to five feet in diameter, a size truly astonishing, made, as they appear to have been, of common clay and fragments of fresh water shells. It is inferred from their large size that they were used as evaporating pans by a prehistoric race of salt makers.

Said Miss Gladys Clarissa McTanner "I've abandoned my player piano. Art is all very good."

"But it won't supply food."

"So I'm playing my tunes on my canner."

—From National Emergency Food Garden Commission, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Sadleigh has given up sighing. At the cost of the food she's been buying. For she's got 'em all beat.

For she's got 'em all beat.

—From National Emergency Food Garden Commission, Washington, D. C.

Availing herself of her ecclesiastical privilege, the clergyman's wife asked questions which, coming from anybody else, would have been thought impertinent.

"I suppose you carry a memento of some kind in that pocket you wear?" she said.

"Yes, ma'am," said the parishioner. "It is a lock of my husband's hair."

"But your husband is still alive," the lady exclaimed.

"Yes, ma'am; but his hair is gone."—Chicago Herald.

A Difference.

"I am a magazine writer by profession."

"But what do you do for a living?"—The Lamb.

Topics of the Home and Household.

Homemade Fly Paper—Melt one part resin with one part castor oil in double boiler, and spread on tough, stout paper.

A pretty fad is that of crocheting a narrow edge of light color onto the edge of Valenciennes lace or insertion for trimming lingerie waists.

An Orange Jar—When peeling oranges save the peelings and parboil them until clear and tender. Then preserve them in a thick rich syrup and put them away in a glass jar. Add to them now and then as new peelings are available. There are many things that the flavor of the rind improves or the syrup adds to and it is a great convenience to have an orange jar always ready at hand.

Clean Aluminum.

Unless an aluminum utensil is badly discolored, it is best to clean it by scouring. First clean all adhering food by washing it in hot water with a mild soap. If it is necessary to scrape, use a wooden spoon. Your scouring preparation should contain no hard, sharp particles of grit. Ocean sand, which has rounded grains, is an excellent scouring agent for aluminum.

A mixture of equal parts of powdered whiting and alcohol with a few drops of ammonia added, sometimes serves effectively where aluminum ware has not been badly discolored.

The action of vegetable acids on aluminum may be utilized in cleaning it. A few pieces of green or canned rhubarb added to a quart of water and boiled in a discolored aluminum kettle will give good results. After a kettle has been cleaned in this way, it should be polished to remove adhering particles of the metallic compounds resulting from chemical action.

In cleansing aluminum ware never use such strong household alkalis as washing soda, potash, lye or even strong alkaline soap.—Irish World.

Use More Macaroni.

Until the present time the value of macaroni has not been fully realized, but now, when the prices of meat, potatoes and other staple articles of food are beyond the reach of the ordinary family, housewives are compelled to look for substitutes, says the Irish World. Those who have tried macaroni have been pleasantly surprised, for they little dreamed of its possibilities. Not only have they found it to be inexpensive and highly nutritious, but unusually delicious.

For an indefinite period macaroni was used exclusively in Italy, where it was regarded as the national food, but of late years it is being manufactured extensively in this country. When made of the best wheat, it contains a large amount of gluten and other nitrogenous compounds, and for this reason its value as an energizer cannot be surpassed. It has 1,665 calories of energy, while in steak there are only 950.

In preparing macaroni for a meal, place it in boiling salted water and cook 10 or 12 minutes. When done, pour off at once and then blanch with cold water. This will restore the original shape.

When boiling, genuine macaroni does not become pasty and adhesive, nor does it lose its tubular form. The hot water which has been drained off may be used in soups and sauces and the macaroni may be combined with other foods in various ways. The following recipes have been tried and found excellent:

Boiled Macaroni—Pour one pint of boiling water over five ounces of macaroni, let stand half an hour, drain off, put in kettle, cover with boiling milk, cook tender, drain, add a teaspoon of cream, a tablespoonful of butter, pepper and salt; grate stale cheese over top.

Baked Macaroni—Take six ounces of macaroni and boil tender, put in a pudding dish, first spreading butter over the bottom, then macaroni and cheese until the dish is full, pour cream to cover it and bake an hour.

Steamed Macaroni—Parboil half a pound of macaroni till tender, strain off the water. Take the yolks of five eggs, the whites of two, half a pint of cream, a half pound of cheese, grated fine. Season with salt and pepper, heat over the

fire. Mix in the macaroni, put in a butter dish and steam one hour.

Macaroni with Bread—Boil half a pound of macaroni, put a layer in a deep pan, cover with bread crumbs, well seasoned with butter, pepper and salt, then sprinkle with grated cheese; continue until dish is full. Cover the top with grated cheese, cracker dust and bits of butter. Pour over all a pint of rich milk.

Spaghetti au Gratin—Break one-half package of spaghetti